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2012 Unity Awards Announced

The Hampton Citizens' Unity Commission has announced its 2012 Unity Awards winners. They are:

- Old Hampton Community Center's Therapeutic Recreation Program
- Bill Mullis, Langley Speedway
- Chuck Hall, Langley Speedway
- Buckroe Beach Reggae Festival

The awards program recognizes individuals, initiatives, organizations and businesses that have had a positive impact on racial and cultural diversity in Hampton.

Old Hampton Community Center was honored for its inclusive recreation programs for people with disabilities, such as after-school programs, summer camps, disability discussion forums and adult arts programs.

Bill Mullis and Chuck Hall of Langley Speedway were selected for their efforts to bring the Drive for Diversity Combine to Hampton. This event brought 25 stock car drivers of diverse backgrounds to Langley Speedway to compete for spots in NASCAR's Drive for Diversity program.

The Buckroe Beach Reggae Festival was chosen for its promotion of positive racial and cultural harmony. The event was founded to advance the positive message of reggae music, a genre that advocates peace, love and unity among people of all races, ages and creeds.

Awardees will be recognized at a reception on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Virginia Air and Space Center.

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